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News worth sharing.

Murder breaks record

Weekend arson turns into a homicide investigation • By the end of last year, there were 22 murders — so far this year in Winnipeg there are 35 • Numbers 'blemish' city: Police

Police announced yesterday that they are treating the case of a man who died after being pulled out of a burning apartment as a homicide.

Saturday's death brings Winnipeg's homicide count to a record-breaking 35.

"I think this makes us feel kind of down and out," said police Const. Jason Michalyshen. "Sometimes numbers like that put a real blemish on our city."

Firefighters were still putting out the flames at an apartment on the 300 block of Carleton Street when they found Harry Wellington Gegwetch, 42, inside. Police say he was suffering from wounds to the upper body and was sent to the hospital where he died of his injuries.

Michalyshen said police will need help to tackle this year's record count. "Often, we need many areas of the community to assist us because there are some deeper issues," he said.

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▶ Police investigate a murder at a lower-level Carleton Street apartment yesterday. The victim had upper-body wounds, which is unusual in a fire. An autopsy will be conducted in the coming days.

Previous record

▶ The previous homicide record of 34 was set in 2004.

World

Rio slum stormed

Brazilian police gain control of shantytown • Effort to improve country's image ahead of World Cup {page 4}

Strange wolf

Lautner discusses his character's bizarre obsessions {page 11}

Parents, relax

Hands-off approach to parenting takes pressure off kids, experts say {page 17}

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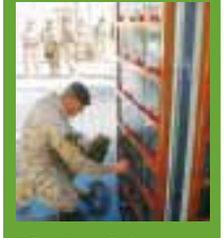

The Kandahar cenotaph bearing the names and likenesses of fallen Canadian soldiers is coming home. Video at metronews.ca/video

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▶ City workers manoeuvre the 12.5-metre high Colorado blue spruce down Main Street to its home in front of city hall.

Winnipeg selects blue spruce for Christmas tree

The 27-year-old tree will remain on display in front of city hall until its removal in February
It measures in at a whopping 12.5-metres high, with a trunk diameter of 45 centimetres

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The city's yearly tradition of installing a citizen-donated Christmas tree in front of city hall took place yesterday.

The tree chosen to grace city hall is one of 60 candidates required to meet a certain criteria. Namely, there has to be a reason for the tree's removal.

"(The city is) not just going to take down a random tree," said Alissa Clark, communications officer for the City of Winnipeg. "For instance, if it's too close to the house, which is the case for the Knochel family."

The tree must also meet certain criteria regarding height, width and fullness.

"The tree that's at city hall is not only tall and beautiful but full and round," Clarck added.

"It should take a couple of days ... They're going to be putting up about 6,000 lights."
CITY SPOKESPERSON ALISSA CLARK SAID OF THE DECORATING PROCESS.

Evelyn Knochel said her family chose to donate the tree because it had grown too close the window at the front of their house.

"I miss it because now (the front yard) is empty, but it's an honour that they took our tree."

Knochel said she will enjoy the sunlight that is now able to shine through her front window.

"I can't believe how much brighter it is"

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Jets take flight with Canada Post

The new Winnipeg Jets postage stamps went on sale this weekend.

Canada post unveiled three designs, including one that commemorates the first home game goal by Nik Antropov.

"As an organization we feel extremely honoured to have our logo and accomplishments literally travel from coast to coast on one of the oldest and most trusted means of communication transport," said Jim Ludlow, president and CEO of True North Entertainment.

The stamps are printed in sheets of 21 stamps for $24.95 each. The Antropov goal is a limited edition design selling for $34.95.

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IMAGE COURTESY OF CANADA POST

▶ One of three Winnipeg Jets stamps released by Canada Post.

News in brief

Youth arrested in stabbing

PARTY. The condition of a 42-year-old man stabbed in the abdomen after a weekend house party worsened to critical yesterday. Police have arrested a 17-year-old boy after a man was stabbed at his Selkirk Avenue house at about 4:25 a.m. on Saturday. The suspect faces four charges. **METRO**

Aragon's star shines bright

MUSIC. Maria Aragon, the 11-year-old local music sensation, sang the Philippine national anthem ahead of the Manny Pacquiao-Juan Manuel Marquez boxing match in Las Vegas Saturday. **METRO**

Afghan cenotaph coming home

RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ Canadian Forces engineers pack away commemorative plaques as they dismantle the Canadian War Memorial at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan on Saturday.

Names, likeness of the fallen

Soldiers at Kandahar Airfield are taking apart the white marble cenotaph that bears the names and likenesses of the Canadians who have lost their lives as part of the mission in Afghanistan.

The cenotaph has long been a sombre fixture at the airfield.

"It's a sense of profound pride that these soldiers are taking this apart and having the opportunity to repatriate some of the faces and names of our 158 fallen."

LT.-COL. MARK FLINT, WHO LEADS THE TEAM OF ENGINEERS WHO ARE PACKING UP THE CENOTAPH

Erecting new monument

The Defence Department has said it plans to erect a new monument in the Ottawa area. One spot the military is apparently considering is Beechwood Cemetery in the city's east end, which is already home to the national military cemetery where many veterans are buried.

A piece to stay on temporarily

One piece of the monument won't return home just yet.

A jagged chunk of rock will be sent back to Kabul. There, it will function as a temporary memorial for the Canadian soldiers who continue to serve as part of the NATO training mission.

158

A team of engineers is packing up the 158 black granite etchings of every Canadian killed as part of the Afghan mission. The plaques and the marble structure will be shipped back to Canada.

Time to leave

- The Canadian Forces have taken down more than 200 structures at Kandahar Airfield and moved 1,800 sea containers and close to 1,000 vehicles.
- The military expects to be completely out of Kandahar Airfield by mid-December.

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U.K. defends William's posting

British officials yesterday defended the deployment of Prince William to the Falkland Islands, after Argentina reportedly condemned the move as a provocative act.

The Defence Ministry announced this week that the 29-year-old prince, a Royal Air Force search-and-rescue pilot, will be posted to the British outpost for six weeks next year.

The deployment — which will come shortly before the 30th anniversary of Argentina's defeat in the Falklands War — appeared to anger some Argentines.

An Argentine official, Sebastian Brugo Marco, told the paper La Nacion the move was a "provocative act."

But Britain's chief of armed forces, David Richards insisted yesterday that it "wasn't and isn't designed to be" that way.

"Prince William, along with his brother Prince Harry, is a regular member of the armed forces, and they do their stint in the roster that comes all our ways," Richards told Sky News.

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▶ Prince William, left, and the Duke of Edinburgh stand during the remembrance service at the Cenotaph in London, yesterday.

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Egyptian blogger taken into custody

Egypt's military ordered a prominent blogger to be held in custody for 15 more days yesterday in a move likely to focus criticism against the country's ruling generals in the run-up to parliamentary elections, due to begin later this month.

The detention of Alaa Abdel-Fattah, a well known blogger and leader during the 18-day uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak in February, has elicited international condemnation and galvanized those who accuse the army of using Mubarak-era tactics to smear critics.

His family has used his case to draw attention to the 12,000 Egyptians who have faced military trials this year — one of the key issues that have brought relations between activists and the military to a new low.

Protesters welcomed Egypt's army when it deployed in the streets during the uprising and praised it for not firing on demonstrators. Months later, however, some fear that the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, which took control after Mubarak's fall, will not willingly give up power to a civilian authority. Others accuse the military of reviving hated practices of the Mubarak era.

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Family history

The blogger's father, Ahmed Seif al-Islam, spent five years in the same prison complex that now holds his son. The father was jailed for underground organizing against the Mubarak regime during the 1980s.

His mother, Laila Soueif, a mathematics professor and longtime campaigner for academic freedom, said that yesterday marked her eighth day without food to protest her son's arrest. She vows to continue until he's free.

World in brief

Israel limits funding

JERUSALEM. Senior Israeli cabinet ministers took a significant step yesterday toward curbing foreign funding for political not-for-profit organizations, a measure that opponents see as trying to muzzle dovish groups critical of the government.

The Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved a bill that would limit donations by foreign governments or international bodies such as the United Nations or European Union.

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Hamas being targeted

GAZA. Weeks after a new round of fighting with Gaza militants subsided, a senior Israeli military official said yesterday that Israel is ready and able to topple the territory's Hamas government, though it has no immediate plans to do so.

The official also said Gaza militants now have rockets capable of striking Tel Aviv, Israel's cultural and business hub.

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No trial in sensitive case

SWITZERLAND. Swiss prosecutors will opt to avoid a public trial for three Swiss men suspected of giving nuclear-weapons technology and supplies to a rogue network in Pakistan, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The case is politically sensitive for Switzerland and the United States because of alleged national-security implications

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People watch police officers ride past in the shovel of a bulldozer in the Rocinha slum in Rio de Janeiro. Elite police units backed by armoured military vehicles and helicopters invaded the largest slum in this seaside Olympic city early yesterday.

Soldiers move in on Brazilian shantytown

Operation part of effort to improve country's image ahead of 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics Took police 90 minutes to gain control

More than 3,000 police and soldiers backed by armoured personnel carriers raced into Brazil's biggest slum before dawn yesterday, quickly gaining control of a shantytown ruled for decades by a heavily armed drug gang.

"We're taking back this territory for the 100,000 citizens of Rocinha, people who have needed peace," said Sergio Cabral, governor of Rio de Janeiro state.

The action in Rocinha is part of a campaign to drive the drug gangs out of the city's slums, where the traffickers often rule unchallenged. The city of Rio de Janeiro has more than 1,000 shantytowns where about one-third of its six million people live.

Police simultaneously overran the neighbouring Vidigal slum, also previously dominated by the drug gang Friends of Friends.

Both slums sit between two of Rio's richest neighbourhoods, and Rocinha's ramshackle shacks climb a mountainside covered in Atlantic rain forest. Police methodically cleared alleys and streets on their way up steep, winding roads.

Huey helicopters continued to pound the air above, crisscrossing the hill and flying low over the jungle surrounding the slum, as police hunted down suspects who may have fled into the forest. By midday, local outlets reported just one arrest, though that couldn't be independently confirmed.

Residents peeked out their windows and stared as the massive armoured carriers blasted up streets. Rifle-toting officers from the BOPE police units, made famous by two "Elite Squad" films, trained their weapons down narrow corridors.

One resident applauded the police invasion. "Tell the world we're not all drug traffickers! We're working people and now they're coming to liberate us," a man yelled as police rolled by.

Officials are now calling on the shantytown's residents to help law enforcement find drugs and weapons hidden in the community. The head of Rio's civil police, Marta Rocha, made a special appeal to the "mothers, sisters, grandmothers, aunts" to collaborate with the peacekeeping effort.

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Leader's house

Down a side alleyway, police discovered a house they said belonged to the No. 2 gang leader, Sandro Luiz de Paula Amorim, known as "Peixe," who was captured by police a few days earlier as they circled Rocinha with roadblocks.

In stark contrast to the impoverished shacks around it, Amorim's three-storey home was outfitted with a large whirlpool bath, swimming pool, massive aquarium, high-definition TV and just one book: the ancient Chinese military text Art of War.

News in brief

Hackers threaten T.O.

TORONTO. The hacker group Anonymous is standing up for Toronto's Occupy movement.

In a video released on YouTube, the group threatens to launch a cyber-attack on the city if officials interfere with the month-long demonstration.

Mayor Rob Ford asked the occupiers this week to dismantle their tent city in St. James Park.

A few protesters tried to set up a new base in the park behind the Ontario legislature this weekend, but their efforts cut short.

Police shut down the fledgling camp Saturday night and brought the demonstrators back to the original site.

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Coroner: OD killed protester

VANCOUVER. Ashlie Gough was dead for several hours before fellow Occupy Vancouver protesters found her body, the B.C. Coroner's Service declared yesterday.

The 23-year-old Victoria woman died from a lethal mixture of cocaine and heroin in her system.

Gough was found unresponsive in one of the Occupy Vancouver tents at 4:40 p.m. on Nov. 5.

MATT KIELTYKA IN VANCOUVER

Occupy Nova Scotia to stay

HALIFAX. Occupy Nova Scotia protesters say they will continue their protest even after this weekend's eviction from HRM parks and subsequent string of arrests.

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Showdown in Portland

Occupy protesters in Oregon city defy eviction notice, flock to campsite Police move in to clear space

NATALIE BEHRING/GETTY IMAGES

A man is arrested for throwing something at a police officer at Occupy Portland yesterday.

In a tense escalation of the Occupy Portland protest, police in riot gear yesterday surrounded demonstrators in a downtown park area after hundreds of people defied the mayor's order to leave the park by midnight.

By early afternoon, officers had mostly surrounded the camp where the protesters were holding a "general assembly" meeting to discuss their next moves following the eviction order.

Some officers used nightsticks to push people away from the encampment and used loudspeakers to warn that anyone who resisted risked arrest and "may also be subject to chemical agents and impact weapons." Demonstrators chanted "we are a peaceful protest."

Police could be seen carrying at least one protester away from the park. Another man was taken away on a stretcher; he was alert and talking to paramedics, and raised a peace sign to fellow protesters, who responded with cheers.

Portland Mayor Sam Adams had ordered the camp shut down Saturday at midnight, citing unhealthy conditions and the encampment's attraction of drug users and thieves.

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Camp problems

Police in riot gear surrounded protesters in a downtown park area after hundreds refused to leave.

- **Mayor Sam Adams had** ordered the camp shut down over the weekend.
- **Yesterday, at an impromptu** news conference, he defended his order, saying it's his job to enforce the law and keep the peace. "This is not a game," he said.
- **He also noted that** enacting the eviction order may require more patience.

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Woman fights for right to die

Opponents fear abuse by people who stand to gain from death

It's been nearly 20 years since Canada's laws on assisted suicide have been challenged by a terminally ill person, and now a similar right-to-die case has thrust the issue back into the spotlight.

Today, lawyers for Gloria Taylor, 63, will be in B.C. Supreme Court to argue against laws that make it a criminal offence to help seriously ill people end their lives.

In August, the Farewell Foundation lost its court battle to have the laws changed because its plaintiffs were anonymous, but in a separate case, Judge Lynn Smith agreed to fast-track a trial for Taylor, who wants a doctor-assisted suicide.

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▶ Gloria Taylor

She suffers from ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable illness that gradually weakens and degenerates muscles to the point of paralysis.

In Canada, it's illegal to counsel, aid or abet a person to commit suicide, and the offence carries a maximum punishment of 14 years in prison.

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Resort. Blaze

▶ Mike and Nancy Rogers pose for wedding photographer Nicholas Augustus as White Point Beach Resort's main lodge burns in the background on Saturday in Nova Scotia. There were no injuries, with staff and guests — including several kids' hockey teams — getting out safely after the fire was detected.

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Nova Scotia wedding takes place despite fire at lodge

Nancy Rogers was lacing up her wedding dress when word came of a fire spreading through the White Point Beach Resort lodge where she was to be married. Even though flames were shooting 20 metres into the air, Rogers and her fiancé, Michael, decided to plow ahead with the ceremony, with staff at the Nova Scotia resort moving the wedding to another building. She said it wasn't until after the ceremony that she realized how bad the fire was and that all of her wedding gifts and flowers had been destroyed. "It was completely engulfed and everything was up in flames," she said. "We lost all of that stuff, but that's not important to us. We got the most important things."

Told you so, say Vancouver cops after absolute discharge

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS
IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu reaffirmed his force's initial decision not to rush charges against Stanley Cup rioters after an 18-year-old linked to the riot received an absolute discharge.

Karanvir Singh Saran was arrested just one day after the Canucks' loss to the Boston Bruins of the Stanley Cup final by Surrey RCMP and charged for possession of stolen property.

He pleaded guilty Nov. 2 in the Surrey provincial court for possessing clothing stolen from a store during the June 15 riot. Saran was given an absolute discharge, which means he will not have a criminal record. Surrey RCMP led the investigation and made the arrest, which was independent of the Integrated Riot Investigation Team's investigation.

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▶ Police ride through the street past a fire on June 15 in Vancouver.

Chu said the absolute discharge supports the force's decision to take its time with the investigations.

"This reaffirms what we have said from the start: It's crucial that we take our time to gather and process evidence to help support the greatest number of convictions with the most severe penalties," Chu said in a statement.

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Diamond sells for bargain price

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▶ This diamond is valued at $10 million

Lot 164, glittering in the flash of smartphone cameras, is a magpie's dream. The 50-carat diamond is about the same size as a quarter, and worth an estimated $10 million.

But the diamond sold for $2.7 million ($3 million when commission is included) to a mysterious international buyer at an auction yesterday afternoon at the Royal Ontario Museum. It was expected to bring in around $4 million.

"For that diamond, it is ridiculously low. But at the same time we just a set a new record in Canada," said Kashif Khan, managing director of Ritchies Auctioneers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lauder, the pink activist, dies at 75

Pink was Evelyn Lauder's colour.

In 1992, Lauder, an executive at cosmetics giant Estee Lauder Cos., the company founded by her mother-in-law, worked with her friend Alexandra Penney to create the pink-ribbon campaign for breast-cancer awareness.

That grew into fundraising products and congressional designation of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

▶ Evelyn Lauder

Lauder died Saturday at her Manhattan home from complications of nongenetic ovarian cancer. She was 75.

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▶ A flag-waving crowd in Rome celebrates with sparkling wine on Saturday night after Silvio Berlusconi resigned as prime minister of Italy. His successor, Mario Monti, is charged with steering the country out of debt and bringing it back from the brink of economic crisis.

‘Super Mario’ Monti takes helm in Italy

‘Italy must win the challenge to bounce back’ from its crippling debt crisis, he tells the nation

Economist Mario Monti accepted the monumental task yesterday of trying to form a new government that can rescue Italy from financial ruin.

His selection came a day after Silvio Berlusconi reluctantly resigned as prime minister, bowing out after world markets pummelled Italy’s borrowing ability, reflecting a loss of faith in his leadership. Berlusconi quit after the Italian parliament approved new reform measures demanded by the European Union and central bank officials. But even those are not considered enough to right Italy’s ailing economy.

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▶ Mario Monti

“There is an emergency, but we can overcome it with a common effort,” Monti, 68, told the nation.

The former economics professor earned a reputation as a tough EU competition commissioner, a role that also earned him the nickname “Super Mario.”

He must now draw up a Cabinet, lay out his priorities and win a confidence vote in Parliament before he can lead the nation.

The next Italian government needs to push through even more painful reforms and austerity measures to deal with 1.9 trillion euros in debt, about 120 per cent of the country’s economic output. Many of those debts are coming due soon: Italy has to roll over more than 300 billion euros of its debts next year alone.

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LABOUR SHORTAGE

Germany to EU: Help wanted

With a shrinking labour force and buoyant economy, Germany needs skilled workers to keep its industrial engine churning and is seeking them from Greece, Spain and Portugal where unemployment is soaring.

Germany quickly overcame the financial meltdown that started in 2008 and unemployment is now at a 20-year low of 6.6 per cent. Companies are so desperate for workers that the government has taken to organizing matchmaking sessions between German firms and job seekers from crisis-hit countries.

While there are no hard numbers on how many professionals from Europe’s crisis zone have been hired in Germany, immigration has shot up by 13 per cent in the past five years, and more than half of the newcomers are from within the EU.

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Being a bit of a contrarian kid at the time, I was rooting for the Lions on the grounds that my grandparents lived in B.C. So I was a bit shocked and annoyed the first time I heard the crowd shouting "B.C. sucks!" at the top of their lungs.

Of course that paled in comparison to the reaction I had after the first questionable call by the referees. As a nine-year old kid, hearing thousands of people chant "Bulls--t!" in unison is about the most exciting and scandalous thing in the world. With eyes as wide as saucers, I turned to my dad and asked if I was allowed to join in.

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"No!" was his hasty response, and I had learned a valuable lesson: sometimes it's more fun to yell first and ask for permission later.

At halftime, we headed into the concourse and I was awestruck once more as I had my first encounter with the mythical "trough" in the men's room. So disgusting, so efficient, and again, for a nine-year old, one of the most fascinating things that ever existed.

As it turned out, the Bombers ended up winning both the game and my allegiance that day. I've happily shouted "B.C. sucks!" many times since, and I might have even suggested to a referee or two that he had excrementally poor judgment.

As the stadium gets ready to host its final game ever at the end of this week, many Winnipeggers will be fondly recalling their favourite moments from the past 58 years.

Maybe it was watching Ken Ploen and Leo Lewis lead the Bombers to victory in the fifties and sixties. Or the first Grey Cup we hosted in 1991. Or concerts with the Rolling Stones, U2, Paul McCartney or AC/DC. Or going to the Red River Ex in the stadium parking lot.

For me, though, it was sitting next to my dad at that first football game, and becoming a True Blue fan over the course of a few hours on a Sunday afternoon.

Thanks for the memories, Canad Inns Stadium. Oh, and Hamilton sucks.

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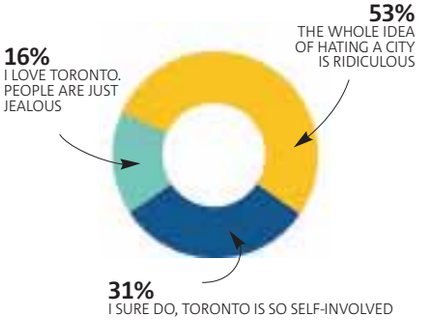
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Local tweets

- **@esmecomfort:** Just back from #ywg. Fabulous conference #WFFC — collaboration, comedy, putting the fest back in fest, keeping the fest in fest. Yes!
- **@saraorlesky:** Big thanks to the driver I'm with tonight for pushing the speed limit!In a mad rush for the airport.Flight back to #ywg for Jets game Monday
- **@punchj:** #ywg airport 99.9% perfect BUT turn down the PA and get food outlets outside security for staff and people waiting!
- **@Cdnhulk:** Edmonton beat Calgary too... Wow... Semis are going to be awesome with Hamilton @ Winnipeg & Edmonton @ BC. Can't wait for some great ball!
- **@pullteeth:** Why am I on page 34 of the Winnipeg Dirty? There's a girl with the title "Miley Cyrus of Winnipeg" though... sounds like friend material tbh
- **@sneaky291:** Wish the #Winnipeg #Jets were doing better, but in all honesty, I'm just happy to have them back.
- **@aiko_ladesma:** Night snow in Winnipeg #priceless

Worth Mentioning

HERMAN CAIN SAYS JOKE ABOUT ANITA HILL WAS 'MEANT TO BE FUNNY'. U.S. Republican presidential candidate Herman Cain — facing allegations of sexual harassment — is defending a joke he made about Anita Hill.

Cain said he was approached at a recent event by a supporter who said Hill was trying to contact him.

Cain responded by asking whether Hill was going to endorse him. Hill famously accused then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment.

In an appearance Friday on Fox News Channel, Cain called the supporter's comment "hilarious" and said his own reply was meant to be funny.

Four women have said Cain sexually harassed them when he led the National Restaurant Association more than a decade ago.

Some Cain backers have compared the Georgia businessman's treatment to that of Thomas, another high profile black conservative.

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photo of the day

PHOTO CHALLENGE

▶ This photo titled The End, was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by bongopix from Toronto.

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WEIRD NEWS

Italian team tackles mafia on soccer pitch

The Italy national team trained yesterday on a pitch that was confiscated from a crime syndicate to show support for the fight against the mafia.

Cesare Prandelli's team was welcomed onto the pitch by around 1,000 spectators. The initiative was organized by Libera — an association that co-ordinates groups trying to stop organized crime.

"The fight against the mafia happens on the ground, but above all in Rome, in parliament," Libera president Luigi Ciotti said. "The real fight against the mafia is done with social policies, defending jobs, starting with those who have them.

"I invite the football federation to join Libera's network of 1,600 associations without political colours."

Calabria's 'Ndrangheta crime syndicate is today considered more powerful than the Sicilian mafia and has become one of the world's biggest cocaine traffickers.

"It's the third time we've inaugurated this pitch," Ciotti added. "Either we really put ourselves to work for change, or it will all be in vain. Change starts with each one of us."

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Lautner's 'were'withal

Twilight's main werewolf talks about the difficulty in translating some strange situations from the book onto the big screen Is mum on a rumoured future project with Milk filmmakers

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For the fourth installment of the Twilight franchise, Taylor Lautner knew he was going to be in for some pretty bizarre stuff — even for a franchise about vampires, werewolves and moody teens. His character, the werewolf Jacob, finds himself in the awkward position of "imprinting" on Renesmee, the newborn daughter of Bella (Kristen Stewart) and Edward (Robert Pattinson). "That was ... tough," Lautner admits. "Because what is imprinting? What do you look like when you imprint? I mean, those were all the questions going through my head."

For the uninitiated, imprinting is what happens when a werewolf finds his soulmate, at least in author Stephenie Meyer's world.

"Luckily we had Stephenie on set the entire time, and trust me I asked her a million times, 'OK, explain to me one more time what imprinting is exactly?' and 'What is he doing when he's imprinting?' It was very, very confusing," Lautner says.

HANDOUT

▶ Taylor Lautner says he goes back and forth with his character Jacob's persistence to be with Bella.

And filming the sequence didn't necessarily make it any clearer, unfortunately, thanks to the mechanics of the special effects. "When we filmed it, they put an X on a wall and said, 'This is Renesme. You're going to walk in the room, you're going to look at the X and you're going to imprint,'" Lautner remembers.

"And I'm like, 'Are you kidding me?' It was tough, it really was. But now after seeing the final version, I'm really happy with it. It really is a special moment, but on the day it was a leap of faith."

The business with the baby was something he'd been anticipating, of course, and he admits that while he gets the overall romance of the story, it does seem like an odd consolation prize. "I get a baby? Yeah, yeah. I have gotten over that by now," he says. "I remember the first time reading the book, I was so confused. I was like, 'Wait. He's trying to get Bella the whole time, and he strikes out so he goes with her child?' It really took a second."

What's next for Lautner

Since Taylor Lautner shared a dinner with director Gus Van Sant and screenwriter Dustin Lance Black recently, Hollywood insiders have been speculating about some sort of team-up. All that came to a head when, earlier this month, it was reported that Lautner would be starring in a movie directed by the Milk filmmaker, based on an unidentified article published in the New Yorker. Lautner is cryptic when pressed on the issue.

"He is a very, very talented director who I've always looked up to and I've always wanted to work with," he says. "It's very premature, so I really don't have much so say now other than the fact that I really, really respect and would love the opportunity to work with him." As for the report that it's based on a New Yorker article? "Um... there is a project like that floating around somewhere on this planet," Lautner says.

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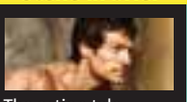
Scene in brief



The action tale Immortals debuted at No. 1 this weekend. The film took in $32 million domestically, while studio estimates Sunday put Adam Sandler's new comedy Jack and Jill at No. 2 with a $26 million opening. Puss in Boots was No. 3. It earned $25.5 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meryl Streep, Ralph Fiennes lead Oscars tribute to Vanessa Redgrave in London.

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Baker is on call

The Mentalist's Simon Baker takes a stab at playing a soulless Wall Street wizard in Margin Call Shares his thoughts on greed and morality

Simon Baker's affable, open Patrick Jane on the TV phenom The Mentalist is light years away from the mannered, restrained wizard of Wall Street he plays in the financial thriller Margin Call. Jared Cohen leads a team of self-serving execs to find a way to cover his company's worthless leverage in the first days of the economic meltdown.

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▶ Simon Baker

You play a seemingly soulless man caught in one of the worst disasters of our time.

If there is any parallel I can draw in the journey, my character is a device. We follow young Seth, Penn Badgley, and the young analyst played by Zachary Quinto and Kevin Spacey and a little of Demi Moore on emotional trips. Jared is largely a device, like the last scene that I have with Penn. Here is the young guy that wants to be Gordon Gekko and a hotshot, and he's definitely a product of that mould. I thought it was important to make a deal with the devil. He's not going to stand down and show signs of weaknesses in the offices with coworkers but that affected quality is what I was looking at, the protective shell. That's how they disconnect themselves emotionally.

It's an interesting view of the crash, seeing not from the victims' point of view, but from the perpetrators. Are we meant to feel sympathy?

I don't think we're meant to feel sympathy but I think that what it does reflect is that they are human and fallible. It's just too easy to pin an idea of them being soulless, inhuman people. I don't think we should feel sympathy, but understand that greed really is a part of human nature and it can take over and this is where we see it. Deep down inside Kevin Spacey there is a lot of soul. His humanity sort of wins out, and in my case you can see vulnerability a tiny bit but he never lets it show.

Morality is the core of the film, the idea being that amorality in business works.

Writer director J. C. Chandor is the son of a guy that worked his whole career in the finance industry and he's a pretty folksy kind of a guy. He's obviously going to impart his own soulful kind of approach to what that world is and his take on it and play with the idea of it being a morality tale. But he doesn't. At some points it is heavy handed, but there are some grace notes and delicate notes, that are hard to verbalize that just land sometimes. There are certain moments, particularly Paul Bettany's performance.

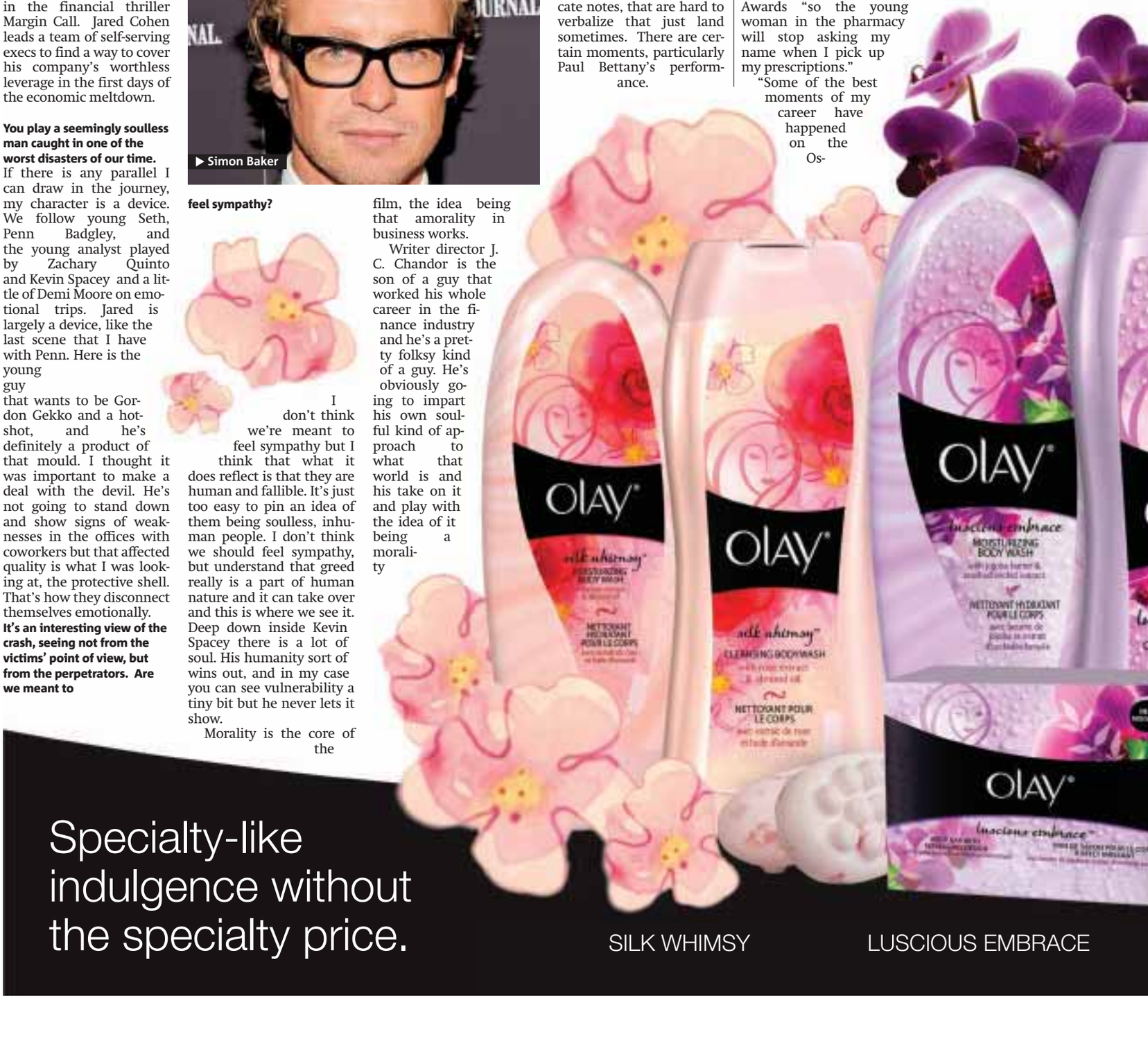
Billy's back

Crystal returns to host Oscars for the ninth time

The 63-year-old comedian and veteran Oscar host said Thursday on Twitter that he is hosting this season's Academy Awards "so the young woman in the pharmacy will stop asking my name when I pick up my prescriptions."

"Some of the best moments of my career have happened on the Oscar stage," said Crystal in a statement from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "I am thrilled to be back there."

This will be the ninth Oscar stint for Crystal, one of the most pop-



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▶ Billy Crystal

ular Oscar hosts of recent years. His last time was in 2004. Only Bob Hope hosted more Oscar shows. Academy president Tom Sherak called Crystal "a comic legend and Oscar icon, and it feels good to have him back where he belongs."

The naming of Crystal follows a groundswell of sentiment for his return after he led a tribute to Bob Hope on the 2011 Oscar show for which he received a standing ovation.

Crystal previously hosted in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 2000, and 2004 — some of the most successful shows in Oscar history.

Comedian Eddie Murphy had been chosen to host the Feb. 26, 2012, show, but pulled out Wednesday following the departure on Tuesday of producer and friend Brett Ratner, who left amid criticism of his use of a pejorative term for gay men at a screening of the director's action comedy Tower Heist.

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Is Adam Sandler zero per cent funny?

Comedian's latest movie, Jack and Jill, gets trashed by critics Here, some of the biggest flops of all time

HANDOUT

▶ Adam Sandler's Jack and Jill has the dubious honour of being among the worst-reviewed movies of all time.

This weekend, Adam Sandler's comedy Jack and Jill, in which he cross-dresses to play his own sister, debuted to a zero per cent — later upped to three per cent — rating on the critic aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes. Even Yogi Bear and The Smurfs scored higher.

Here are the few films that scored even worse — zero per cent and staying there.

Troll 2 (1990)
The cult classic, about a group of vegetarian monsters, is so bad, it was the subject of a documentary called Best Worst Movie — directed by one of the cast members. Funniest part: there are no trolls in Troll 2.

Pinocchio (2002)
Remember Roberto Begnigni? The Life is Beautiful actor who won the Oscar and climbed over the chairs at the ceremony? He cast himself as Pinocchio in this live-action disaster. "What can one say about a balding 50-year-old actor playing an innocent boy carved from a log?" asked one critic.

Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (2004)
Talking babies battle bad guys with super powers and farts. It's from the director of another critically-acclaimed hit: Porky's.

Strange Wilderness (2008) and Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star (2011)
One's a satire of nature documentaries, featuring Bigfoot, and the other is a satire of porn, featuring a small penis.

Who executive produced these masterpieces? Adam Sandler.

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Daily Show comic Bee savours Canadian work

Comedian keeps busy with TV guest appearances, parenting blog

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▶ Samantha Bee is flanked by Matt Watts, left, and Bob Martin in Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Regular appearances as the "most senior" correspondent on The Daily Show haven't stopped Samantha Bee from squeezing in a slew of Canadian side projects.

But living and working in New York has made it difficult for the sharp-tongued comic to actually watch the Canuck TV shows she appears in.

Bee bemoans the fact that she'll again be in the U.S. when her upcoming cameo on CBC-TV's Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays airs tomorrow.

"It is actually crazy that I can't even watch the show," Bee says in a recent phone interview from her New York office, where she was working on a segment for The Daily Show.

If it weren't for all the work she's been getting north of the border, Bee might not ever get to see any Canadian series, she notes.

"I have a role in (HBO Canada's) Good Dog as well and so I was in Canada shooting that and I was able to watch I think three episodes of (Michael: Tuesdays and Thursdays), which I thought was terrific," says Bee, who appears as a TV talk show host on this week's instalment.

She notes she had never even seen the psychiatry sitcom when she accepted an invitation to be on it, but had a good feeling about the show. Bee says she was drawn to Michael by the prospect of sharing the screen with longtime friend and star Matt Watts, who she's known for "years and years and years" stretching back to their sketch comedy days in Toronto.

"He actually was incredibly influential — he's one of the people who made me go into comedy," says Bee, part of an all-female comedy troupe called The Atomic Fireballs before she joined The Daily Show in 2003.

The Toronto-born Bee — who joins a growing list of high-wattage stars to drop by Michael, including Ed Asner and Sandra Oh — says she relishes any opportunity to return home.

But it hasn't been easy with a demanding Daily Show schedule that keeps her busy year-round, she says. She notes she was flattered to be recently named Canadian Comedy Person of the Year but was unable to attend the ceremony.

Still, Bee has made time to squeeze in writing for a cross-border parenting blog with friend and former Atomic Fireball partner Allana Harkin.

Their online column Eating Over the Sink, hosted by Babble.com, traces the ups and downs of raising children. Bee posts from New York while Harkin writes from Toronto. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Heating up The Good Wife

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▶ Archie Panjabi

Apart from Mad Men in its 1960s setting, most TV dramas shy from showing anyone with cigarettes.

But that doesn't mean Kalinda Sharma isn't constantly smoking on The Good Wife. No cigarettes are involved, mind you, nor are they needed by this steamy in-house investigator at the Chicago law firm of Lockhart Gardner. With her implacable shrewdness, sass and sexuality, Kalinda heats up every scene she's in.

No wonder she has emerged as a viewer favourite among the many colourful characters populating this CBS drama. And no wonder Archie Panjabi, who last year won an Emmy for her portrayal of Kalinda, can hold her own in a robust cast of actors who include series star Julianna Margulies as well as Christine Baranski, Josh Charles, Matt Czuchry, Alan Cumming and Chris Noth. (The Good Wife airs Sunday at 9 p.m. EST.)

"I'm not just a woman in a pair of boots," says Panjabi, describing her character with delicious understatement.

Along with her trademark knee-high boots, Kalinda is distinguished by the tough-gal wardrobe snugly sheathing her petite frame and, at the same time, by her defiant composure — little if anything throws her, stops her (including ethics or legal niceties), or penetrates her well-defended shell.

Adding to the intrigue of Kalinda is her matter-of-fact bisexuality, and her exotic but so-far-unexamined ethnic origins. To its credit, The Good Wife makes nothing of the fact that the actress chosen to play her is Indian and, though British-born, has adopted for Kalinda a throaty, Americanized purr that obscures any regional identity.

In short, Kalinda cannot be categorized. She is who she is: a source of fascination.

"I think that's the way forward," says Panjabi. "You don't focus on the differences, you don't make an issue of them — you just present them." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Mad Magazine cartoonist Jack Davis, seated far right, takes a photo of fellow cartoonist Sergio Aragones, left, and Benjamin Meglin, whose grandfather was former magazine editor Nick Meglin.

Rare reunion for MAD men

Think of them as the senior class of the "usual gang of idiots." Or the original MAD men perhaps.

There's Al Jaffee, who at 90 still draws the optical illusion fold-in gags for MAD magazine's back page. And Sergio Aragones, still whipping out eye-straining and gut-busting miniature cartoons in the magazine's margins after 48 years. And Jack Davis, who was there at the beginning, drawing the horror spoof Hoohah! that appeared in MAD's debut issue in 1952.

"I have kids come to me at conventions saying, 'My grandfather grew up with your work,'" said Aragones, 74, whose recent features include A MAD Look at Lady Gaga. "Older people think the older MADs were funnier. But not really. You grew up. Your sense of humour has changed."

Aragones, Jaffee and Davis were among eight veteran MAD contributors gathering Saturday for a rare reunion on the Georgia coast. With their homes and studios spread across the U.S., the artists who put their work side by side in hundreds of MAD issues don't often meet face to face.

This weekend, the cartoonists were honoured and humoured by their hosts, the Savannah College of Art and Design and the National Cartoonists Society. Their art was hanging in a gallery, while their schedule included workshops with the college's art students and a panel discussion on MAD's history and their work.

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J.Lo rebounds with hot backup dancer

His name is Casper Smart and he's not into wearing shirts His special skills include 'krumping, acrobatics, breaking and popping'

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Jennifer Lopez has a thing for backup dancers.

Not only was her second husband, Chris Judd, one (before he got that sweet, sweet divorce settlement, that is) but it seems like her new rebound, Casper Smart, is one as well.

The rhythmic Smart has, according to his personal website caspersmart.com (which he has since taken offline since Us Weekly broke the news that he and Lopez are dating), had a role in Honey 2 and was a dancer in Step Up 3D.

His special skills include "krumping, acrobatics, breaking [and] popping."

Another skill? He's never in a shirt!

A source tells Us Weekly that he's "popular with the ladies because he goes shirtless!"

So there you have it. Jennifer Lopez is now into men who can krump, break, pop, and not clothe themselves.

▶ Kim Kardashian

Kardashian is back in the news (again)

Be careful about what you say about Kim Kardashian.

The newly single reality star has hired lawyer Marty Singer to silence Jonathan Jaxson, who says he is her former publicist and claims her 72-day marriage to basketball player Kris Humphries was a giant farce, according to TMZ.com.

On Friday, Jaxson told Good Day L.A., "The whole show itself was staged to a T."

Earlier, he told the Elvis Duran Morning Show, "She knew weeks before getting married she didn't want to do it. She's never gotten over [former boyfriend/NFL player Reggie Bush]."

Kardashian is suing Jaxson for $200,000, a sum that seems low for a Kardashian.

But maybe she's just trying to raise some capital to pay the return postage on all of those wedding presents she has to return?

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▶ Jennifer Lopez

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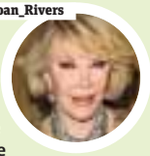

@Joan_Rivers

The Conrad Murray verdict has made me realize that Michael Jackson's life and death has touched more people than even Herman Cain.

@ActuallyNPH

Break a leg, @BillyCrystal. The Oscars are lucky to have you.

@jasonsegel

This is the best day ever. So many new friends already. I will do my best to make equal time for most of you

Madge wants a family man... well, kinda

Madonna puts a lot of thought into her boyfriends.

"I don't necessarily like to use the word lover because it sounds like they just come over and have sex with you. I aspire to more than that, and I need more than that," the singer, who is currently dating French breakdancer Brahim Zaibat, tells Harper's Bazaar.

"It's also important that my children admire and respect this partner that I would choose for myself. Especially for my sons, who have their father, but they need a male role model as well.

So I need to keep this in mind: What is this person modelling to my sons, what kind of man is he, what values does he have, what energy is he giving off? Because they are impressionable. It's so important."

▶ Madonna

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It's 'our secret, sexy place to go'

Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus have a rather odd choice for romantic meals: diner-style restaurant chain Steak 'n Shake. "There is this place in Nashville called Steak and Shake, which is pretty much the best food ever. That is our secret, sexy place to go," Hemsworth tells Australia's Who magazine.

"When I look over at her when she's biting into a steak sandwich and there is some steak sauce dripping down her chin, there is nothing sexier than that."

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LIAM HEMSWORTH

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▶ Miley Cyrus

▶ Liam Hemsworth

Cage cuts into his finances

Nicolas Cage has apparently gotten back into his old lavish spending habits.

The star, who struggled with IRS debt in recent years, reportedly spent $2,000 on a custom knife at Northern Knives in Anchorage, Alaska, according to TMZ.

The object in question features a handle made of mammoth ivory and a bald eagle engraved on the blade.

Nice as it is, though, Cage reportedly said he plans to use it to eat steak.

Nicolas Cage

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Are you over-parenting?

Parents feel like they need to micromanage their children's every move so they fulfill their true potential But a more relaxed, hands-off approach to parenting takes pressure off kids and parents

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Being a parent is a stressful job. These days, you're not only expected to cover the basics — love, food, clothing, schooling, junior taxi service, but our perfectionist culture tells parents that we must also execute a punishing schedule geared to transforming our child into star pupil, tennis champ and school musical lead.

But hyper-parenting — where parents push their kids in the name of "fulfilling their potential" — doesn't necessarily lead to happier, healthier, more successful kids. Not every child can be the next Ronaldo or Picasso, and parental pressure and over-involvement can lead to children's anxiety, fear of failure and inability to be self-reliant.

Economist Dr. Bryan Caplan caused a stir earlier this year with his book, Selfish Reasons to Have More Kids: Why Being a Great Parent is Less Work and More Fun than You Think, which suggested that hot-housing has little long-term effect on your child. Caplan points out that studies on twins and adopted kids show that the long-term effects of parenting have little impact on a wide variety of outcomes including health, happiness, intelligence and success. Children can't be molded, he says. Like flexible plastic, they respond to pressure but return to their original shape when pressure is released, so there's no point trying to change them. "Even happiness is not something that parenting makes or breaks," says Caplan.

Because you can't change your kids, pushing them to excel is a waste of time and a burden on your relationship with them, say supporters of a new type of more serene parenting.

"We all want the same thing: for our children to be happy and healthy and to reach their full potential," says Carl Honore, slow advocate and author of Under Pressure: Rescuing our Children from the Culture of Hyperparenting. "And we can all have this if we get t balance between doing too much for our kids and doing too little."

Focusing less on kids is better for parents, too. Those who over-parent are

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▶ Playing in the leaves is more fun than soccer coaching, for you and your children.

three times more likely to suffer depression and anxiety, according to clinical psychologist Dr. Madeline Levine, who believes that over-involved parenting is parents' way of correcting what they saw as wrong in their own lives. It's also better for your kids if you invest in your relationship.

"Hyper-parenting is exhausting. It turns childrearing into a cross between a competitive sport and product-development," says Honore. "It's tiring, expensive and stressful. All this puts a squeeze on a marriage, with both partners feeling tired and overstretched. They also have less time to spend together on their own. Ultimately, it can break a marriage."

But if we all want the best for our kids, how do we get a balance between providing opportunities and being hands-off? Caplan says if you're consciously thinking about your parenting style, you're already on the right track.

"Ignore the panic and peer pressure; your child will be fine," Honore advises. "Trust your instincts. Find your own way to parent. Listen to and observe your child.

"A child is not a project or a trophy or a piece of clay you can mould into a work of art. A child is a person who will thrive if allowed to be the protagonist of his own life."

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Over-parenting

Economist Dr. Bryan Caplan shares signs to help you know if you're over-parenting.

- You find yourself yelling at your kids when you're in the process of doing something that is for their "benefit".
- You're en route to an activity. Your kid is complaining and you're thinking you can't be bothered to go. It's clearly become a chore.

British study: Should clocks move forward so kids can play outside longer?

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Pull out the slow cooker and make this red pepper soup that beats the cold with its hearty texture, combo of veggies and spices Top it with feta

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▶ This recipe serves six.

It's about that time to dust off the slow cooker for another season of simmering savoury meals and delicious soups. Here for soup lovers is a tempting recipe for a roasted red pepper soup to tantalize the taste buds.

Preparation:

1. In bowl, combine feta, oregano, half ground pepper. Set aside.
2. In slow cooker, combine onion, carrot, celery, tomatoes, red peppers and broth.
3. Secure lid and cook on high for 4 to 6 hours or 8 to 10 hours on low.
4. Working in batches in a blender, food processor or using a hand immersion blender, purée the soup mixture to your desired consistency.
5. Return to slow cooker and hold on warm until ready to serve. Stir in lemon juice and remaining pepper before serving. Garnish each serving of soup with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the feta mixture.

Ingredients:

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled feta cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) finely chopped fresh oregano
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground pepper, divided
- 1 each onion and carrot, chopped
- 1/2 celery stalk, chopped
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes (undrained)
- 1 l (4 cups) bottled red peppers, chopped
- 1 l (4 cups) sodium-reduced beef or chicken broth
- Juice of 1 lemon

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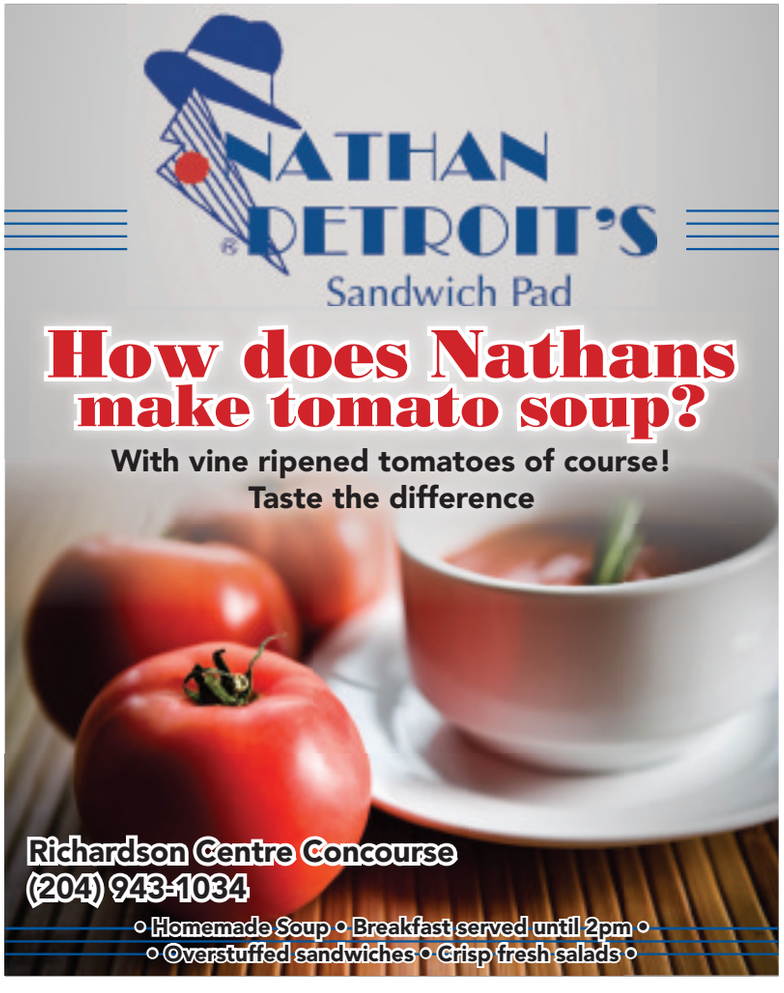
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Learn by recycling

Tech it Away program gets high schools involved in rounding up and recycling unwanted electronics Find out how you can get involved

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Recycling old electronics is a baffling business for many Canadians.

Sure, we know where to put our used bottles and newspapers.

But computers, televisions and discarded cellphones?

Not so sure.

That's why Best Buy Canada set up Tech it Away, a program that gets high schools actively involved in rounding up and recycling unwanted or obsolete electronics.

"The program originated from the idea of making sure that people understand the importance of recycling their electronics," says Danielle Jang, communications manager for Best Buy Canada.

"There's a lot that goes into it, and we wanted to make sure that we took responsibility for that, spreading the word and working with the younger generation. They get excited about it, and they can see the results of it as well."

Ten selected schools, in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto held community recycling drives last month. In the competitive, high-turnover field of electronics, the company feels campaigns like this are essential.

"There's new technology out there that's better for the environment, and we want people to start using that instead," Jang explains

"And then we want to take the old electronics that they have and recycle them properly."

Each participating school receives a grant of up to $10,000, earmarked for the purchase of newer, more energy-efficient electronics.

And there's an artistic element as well.

"This year, we added a sculpture competition. Students took some of the collected electronics, and were tasked with the challenge to create a sculpture. The winner was actually from Downsview Secondary School in Toronto. It's a really cool sculpture of a tree. They used wires, the keys on a keyboard, the insides of a mobile phone, and they constructed a really neat sculpture of a tree. It's pretty cool."

They have added a sculpture competition to the event.

The program has sparked some healthy, eco-friendly competition between rival schools, each eager to collect more disused gizmos than their local rivals.

"The kids got on board really quickly," says Jang. "They're out there telling their friends and families and their community to bring everything that they've got in their basements to drop it off. They get excited about that."

For more info, check out bestbuy.ca.

Contact

Want to bring this program to your school?

Contact New regions are being considered for 2012. If you are interested you can contact Vicky Foley, community relations manager for Best Buy, at media@bestbuycanada.ca.

ECO-FRIENDLY FLOWER SERVICE BLOSSOMING

Are there any companies that create and deliver eco-friendly flower arrangements?
Karly of Vancouver

QUEEN OF GREEN

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My first suggestion: Ask your favourite florists if they have local, seasonal and pesticide-free flowers. Those three factors alone ooze eco-friendliness.

You're smart to avoid flowers that have been shipped from far, far away, and not just because of their carbon footprint.

Many cut flowers come from developing countries, where growers use toxic pesticides banned in Canada.

And no one tests imported flowers for pesticide residues. The florist might look at you funny, but when it comes to cut flowers, many of us shop with our noses. It's time we greened up our bouquet shopping skills. The more who ask our local florists for pesticide-free blooms from local farmers, the quicker they'll clue in. Another suggestion is to search Veriflora.com. Veriflora is a sustainability certification program for fresh cut flowers and potted plants. Search their site by province for a company that abides by their agricultural sustainability certification and eco-labelling program.

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A Google search might also turn up companies that sell organic or Fair Trade Certified bouquets.

Many I found online only deliver in the U.S. — OrganicBouquet.com and Flowerbud.com — but join them on Facebook and you'll know when they branch into Canada.

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TURNING POINT

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"We grew up in poverty and my Dad worked 24-7 to feed our family. At the end of his life he said, 'You're a mentor. Don't let people suffer the way mom and I did. Go out there and make a difference.'"

That was 12 years ago and today, Kathleen Mailer is a motivational speaker, Canada's leading authority on self-publishing, a business mentor, pastor, philanthropist, editor of Today's Businesswoman magazine and the author of 38 books.

"I realized life is too short to sit on your dreams. You have to it now. Make a decision and quit thinking, 'One day I'm going to...'. Get over your fears and past the inner terrorist that tells you can't do it. Tell them to go away."

Have you ever wanted to write a book? Kathleen will be holding workshops across Canada in the coming months.

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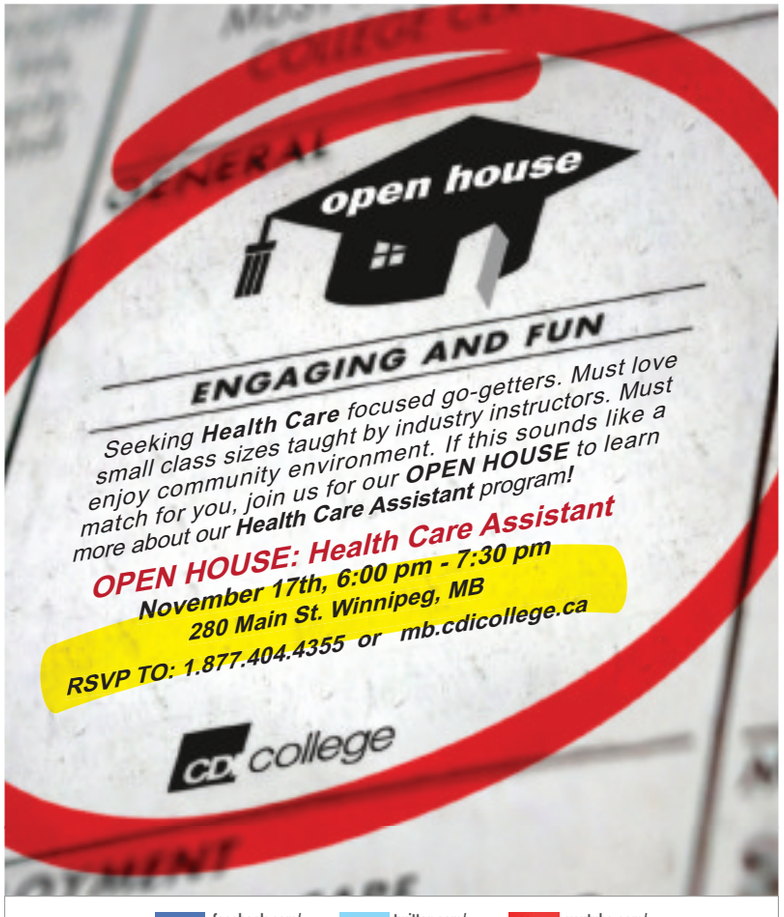
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Today is World Diabetes Day. This day marks the 120th birthday of Canadian Frederick Banting, who, more than 90 years ago, discovered insulin, a drug that is responsible for helping some of the 366 million people with diabetes around the world maintain a healthy life.

Jean Claude Mbanya

And yet, just shy of a century after it was discovered, many people are still unable to access the essential care they need. They are denied the right to a healthy future and, in many cases, the right to life.

Every year, more than four million people die from diabetes, and tens of millions more suffer disabling and life-threatening complications such as heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and amputation.

Diabetes also has negative consequences for certain infectious diseases, other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and for mental health.

Diabetes is not only a health crisis, it is a societal catastrophe. Governments worldwide are struggling to meet the cost of diabetes care.

It is my hope that World Diabetes Day 2011 will carry forward the momentum started last September, when 193 heads of government and state signed a political declaration at the United Nations in New York. This momentous declaration was a product of the first ever meeting on the control and prevention of NCDs, including diabetes.

Today gives us the chance to come together and raise awareness of one of the deadliest epidemics of the 21st century, but it also gives us the chance to reflect on how we can help turn diabetes advocacy and rhetoric into action throughout the world.

Join the international diabetes community in celebrating this World Diabetes Day. Whether you choose to dress in blue, floodlight a local landmark in blue or alert a local government representative to the impact of diabetes in your community, we all have a part to play today.

It is time we stopped sleepwalking into a sick future. Act on diabetes, now.

– Jean Claude Mbanya, president, International Diabetes Federation

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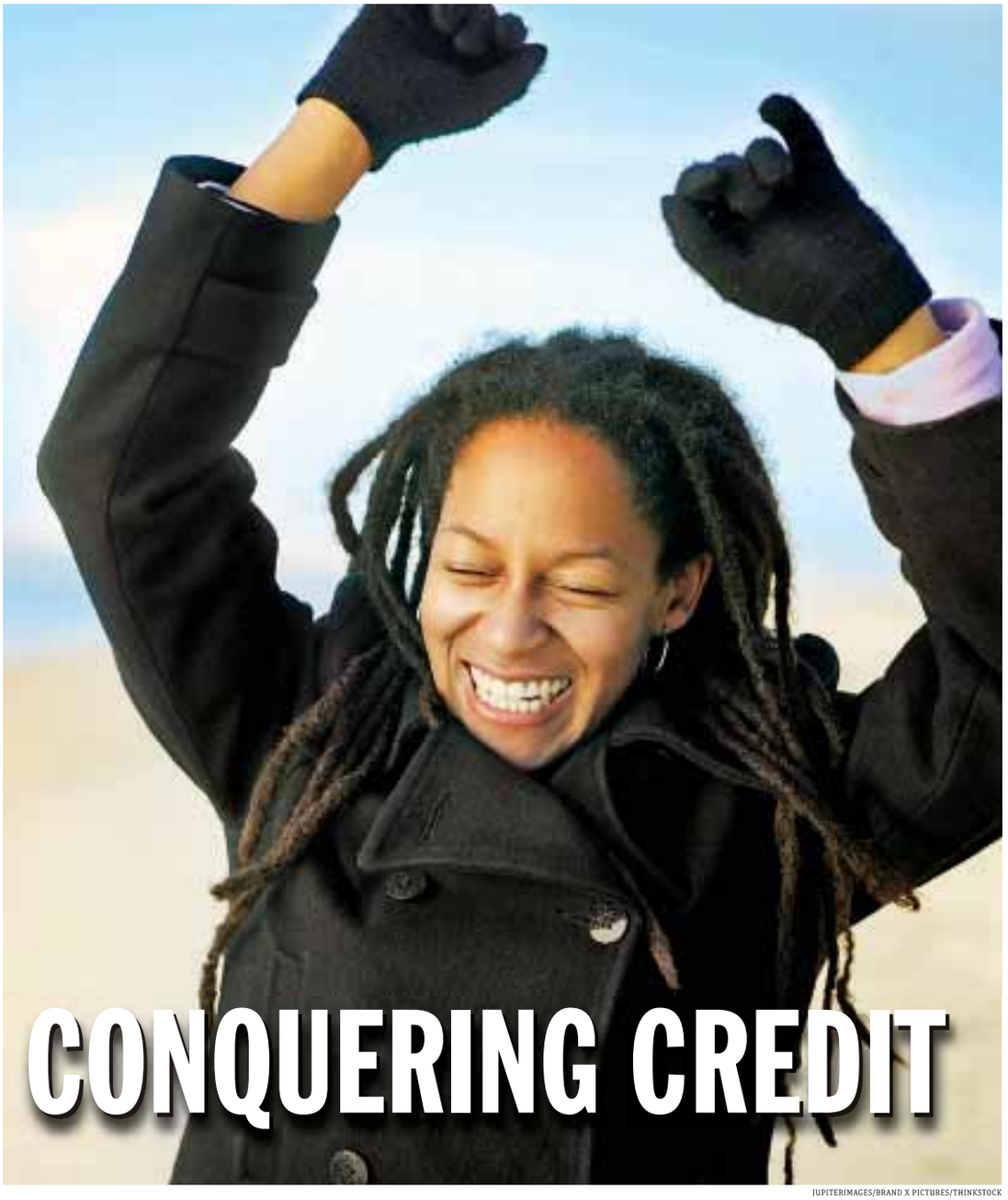

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Now in its fifth year, CEWC 2011 will be looking at Canada's "Sandwich Generation" and the unique financial pressures they face.

Did you know:

• Eighty-two per cent of Canada's Sandwich Generation are not financially prepared, or don't know if they will be able to support their aging parents.

• One-third of those Canadians who support both a child and aging parents provide more than $500 per month to support their parents.

COMPELLING STORIES ACROSS CANADA

Credit Canada and Capital One Canada sponsored a contest asking people to share their inspiring or compelling stories about how they conquered their credit issues and how it changed their life. Contributors were asked to share their stories in 300 words or less.

Dale Koe of Toronto submitted the winning entry worth $5,000, Dawn Erstelle from Winnipeg took home $2,000 for the second-place story, while Esme Gosling from Pender Island, B.C., cashed in the third-place entry, which was worth $1,000.

Beginning today, and running through to Friday, more than 100 events and financial literacy workshops at YMCAs and community centres across the country will occur under the Credit Education Week banner thanks to the support and funding of all sponsors.

Tomorrow, the founding sponsors of CEWC — Credit Canada and Capital One Canada — will officially kick off the week with the launch of its Professional Development Day at the Toronto YMCA.

The event launch, hosted by Alison Griffiths, host of the television program Maxed Out, is a unique opportunity for financial industry leaders to bring consumer awareness to the myriad of financial issues impacting Canadians, as well as show their support and commitment to financial literacy initiatives.

The day will feature an impressive slate of speakers from media, not-for-profit and key government agencies, who will discuss the many financial management issues affecting Canada's Sandwich Generation. Neil Pasricha, author of The Book of Awesome, will deliver the event's keynote address.

CEWC 2011's event launch is free and open to the public.

The climax of every CEWC is the dinner gala, which will be held Wednesday at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto. The gala will be hosted by CTV's consumer affairs expert Pat Foran, while bestselling author and international entrepreneur Debbie Travis will deliver the gala's keynote address.

For more information about CEWC 2011, go to cewc.ca.

COSTLY APPEARANCES

DALE KOE SHEDS EXPENSIVE CLOTHES, LIVING WITHIN BUDGET

GRAND PRIZE WINNER ($5,000)

"Do you think that looks good? People will LAUGH at you," my dad would say when I was a teenager.

He used to berate me for wearing baggy clothes (which were "in" by the way). Maybe I took it to heart because shortly after I grew an appetite for expensive cottons, custom tailoring and, of course, show-stopping accessories.

I wake up on my 1,200 thread-count bedsheets, turn over on my side and look at my Omega watch — 6 a.m. I hate getting up sometimes, especially after having expensive takeout at 11 p.m. right before bed.

So I drag myself off to the shower and do my thing, come back to my room and look in my closet. Thinking about it, there must be more than $4,000 worth of clothing in there.

Well, keeping up appearances is important, right? Right! So who will I be today? Hugo? Giorgio? Mr. Lauren? I choose Hugo and head off to class.

Skip ahead three years, after I discovered my taste in finer clothing wasn't just a small expense, but had accumulated to thousands of dollars worth of debt. I was unemployed while going to university, living on student loans and my credit cards. I had to rethink my entire budget (if there ever was one) because, hell, I needed to eat.

Now, I'm living with the budget, slowly chipping away at my debt. Last week, I shopped for clothes at an "Honest" discount store in Toronto; I bought three sweaters, a jacket, and a pair of pants for $49. If only I had thought of entrusting my appearance to Ed, instead of Yves, Tommy, and Mr. Ferragamo sooner I would be eating fresh fruit from a bowl instead of eating processed fruit from a can.

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DAWN ERSTELLE TAKES REALISTIC APPROACH TO ELIMINATE DEBT

THE YEAR: 2010.

THE GIRL: 27 years old, no savings, no RRSPs, $10,000 student loan debt, $4,000 credit card debt, $30,000 annual income.

THE PROBLEM: I spent more than I earned and wagered on a wealthy future self.

After five hopeful years without a lottery win or large inheritance from an estranged family member, it was time to take a more realistic approach. I decided to make a lifestyle change.

Here's the thing, frugality is seen as a dull means to a long-awaited end when you are in your 20s and want something NOW.

Nobody is marketing responsible money management as cool, or advertising that savings accounts instead of personal loans will make you happy. Hardly anybody proclaims how much fun it is to save instead of spend, and few announce that it's hip to buy second-hand or not buy at all.

Luckily, I'm pretty secure with my level of cool, fun and hip so I had no qualms about experimenting with "conscious spending" two years ago.

I pared down my monthly expenses and attempted to purchase only necessary stuff like concert tickets, coffee and beer. I sold lots of my possessions, including my car, and decided not to upgrade any of my tech devices. I have primarily bought my clothes at thrift shops and made the majority of my meals at home.

Admittedly, this may sound like an unattractive situation, but here's the sexy part ... in two years:

- I have $10,000 in my "living the dream" savings account.
- I have eliminated all $4,000 in credit card debt (the student loans are slowly dwindling).
- I have $2,000 in an RRSP account.
- I have built healthy saving/spending habits

My living the dream muse? I'm flying to Asia this winter — seven countries, six months, zero days at the office and infinite possibilities!

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MAYBE ESME GOSLING SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO HER MOM

Don't tell my mother, but she might have been right. I didn't want to admit it at the time, but a question like, "So, how do you earn a living?" might have been a good one.

Instead, I thought, "What does it matter? We're in love!" So what if our first date was spent at his house — well, his sister's house actually — watching a video that he downloaded and drinking Red Rose tea? It wasn't cheap, it was cosy.

Second date, much the same, but we did a lot of talking, and women love talking! As things progressed, it's true that he didn't buy me flowers or gifts (too predictable) — heck, he didn't even buy groceries, even though he was practically living with me at that point.

OK, you guessed it: Suddenly, he was living with me and how could I ask him to pay rent given how much he was doing around the house to help out? Doing what? Well, just stuff. You know. I, personally, didn't know because I was at work, but, you know.

But what woman wouldn't give anything for a man who would be there at the end of the day with a cup of tea, a hot bath, and yet another downloaded movie? I wouldn't give anything for it, but I did end up giving, approximately (OK, exactly) $12,958 a year for it. (Times two because I'm a slow learner in some ways, so it took me a couple of years.)

Finally, even I had to admit that while money doesn't buy happiness, it sure goes a long way towards rent and groceries. So, yes, mom, you do have my permission to do extensive financial background checks on the next man I bring home — as long as you don't say you told me so!

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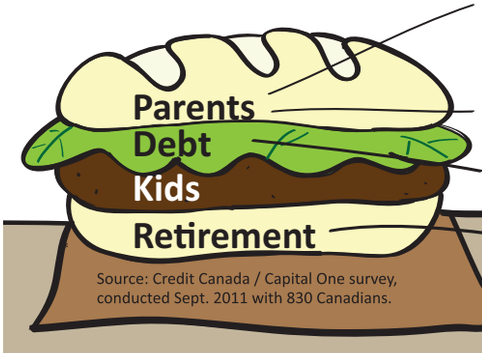

82% aren't financially prepared, or don't know if they will be, to support aging parents

1/3 provide more than $500 a month to support parents

2/3 are accumulating more debt

55% worry that supporting aging parents will impact their own retirement.

Source: Credit Canada / Capital One survey, conducted Sept. 2011 with 830 Canadians.

Top Tips for the Sandwich Generation

1. See if you are eligible to claim the caregiver tax credit if parents over 65 live with you
2. Teach your children money skills, so they become financially independent sooner
3. Talk about your parents' financial realities before there is a care-giving crisis

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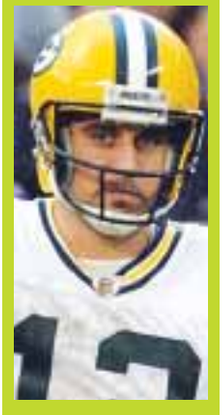

"There's different talk outside the locker-room and there will be if we continue to win. But I said it after last week's game, we're trying to be 1-0 after every week."

PACKERS QUARTERBACK AARON RODGERS. GREEN BAY IS HALFWAY TO 16-0 GOING INTO TONIGHT'S GAME AGAINST MINNESOTA.

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Ticats run head-on into clash with Bombers

- Hamilton running game comes out of nowhere in upset win over Als
- Move on to face Winnipeg team that hasn't won Grey Cup in 21 seasons

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▶ Tiger-Cats quarterback Quinton Porter runs in for a touchdown against the Alouettes in overtime yesterday.

If the Winnipeg Blue Bombers want a shot at ending the CFL's longest Grey Cup drought, they had better figure out how to stop the Hamilton Tiger-Cats' run game.

Hamilton earned an East Division showdown with Winnipeg next weekend after yesterday's thrilling 52-44 overtime win over the defending-champion Montreal Alouettes. The division semifinal was the highest-scoring affair in CFL playoff history as Hamilton earned its first post-season win since 2001.

But most impressive was how Hamilton won. The Ticats came into the game as the CFL's worst rushing team (92.4 yards per game) but ran for 161 yards and four touchdowns against an Alouettes defence that was the league's stingiest against the run (90 yards per game).

Two of Hamilton's biggest plays came on the ground with Marcus Thigpen's 50-yard TD run in the first quarter and Avon Cobourne's 46-yard scoring run that put the Ticats ahead 44-37 in the fourth.

Cobourne finished with a game-high 97 yards rushing on 14 carries and the TD.

And quarterback Quinton Porter's one-yard run — his second TD of the game — in overtime earned Hamilton its decisive touchdown.

The victory was a monumental one for a Hamilton team that finished the regular season third in the East with a less-than-stellar 8-10 record. What's more, the Ticats were tied with Saskatchewan for the league's worst road record (2-7).

The Bombers have reason for optimism heading into the game though. They held Cobourne to 178 yards rushing over the three contests.

Winnipeg ran for 359 yards against Hamilton this year, including Chris Garrett rushing for 131 yards in a 33-17 win in Steeltown on Oct. 7. The Ticats' ground game countered with 237 yards against the Bombers.

Winnipeg finished tied with Montreal for top spot in the East Division this season with a 10-8 record, but got top spot after winning the season series. A rugged, staunch defence helped anchor an amazing turnaround for a Winnipeg squad that posted a league-worst 4-14 record in 2010.

The Bombers posted a CFL-high 55 sacks and allowed a league-low 301.1 yards against per game. Winnipeg was third in points allowed (24 per game) as well as rushing yards allowed (101.2 per game).

The run game will be of paramount importance for Hamilton because Winnipeg's defence was the CFL's best against the pass (223.1 yards per game). The Blue Bombers also boast the league's top pass thief in Jovon Johnson (eight interceptions, two returned for TDs). THE CANADIAN PRESS

West Division

The Edmonton Eskimos beat the Calgary Stampeders 33-19 yesterday in the West Division semifinal.

- They will travel to Vancouver to face the B.C. Lions in the conference final next weekend.
- Edmonton began the regular season with five straight wins while B.C. opened the campaign losing its first five contests. But the Lions beat the Eskimos in three of their for meetings this year.

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Hamilton heads into the East Division final a decided underdog to Winnipeg, which swept the season series 3-0.

Fate of NBA season may be decided today

Decision day for NBA players may have arrived.

The players' association will meet in New York this morning, a session that could lead to the end of the lockout or send it into a bigger tailspin. Representatives from all 30 teams are expected, as are other players, to examine and discuss a seven-page summary of the NBA's latest collective bargaining proposal to the union.

The proposal, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, was dated to be delivered to union executive director Billy Hunter on Friday. At least some of the people who will be in the NBPA meeting said yesterday they had not yet seen the offer, creating more than a little confusion over what exactly is on the table.

"We haven't asked for anything more than what we had," Miami Heat player representative James Jones said yesterday. "We understand the times. We understand the economy. We just want a fair deal where both sides are bearing the weight of the present times and with an eye on the future of the game of basketball."

By today, things could finally become clear — because this union meeting may decide if basketball will be played this season.

There are 17 items in the memo, including how teams paying a luxury tax would not be able to acquire free agents in sign-and-trade deals after the 2012-13 season. One of the key points comes on Page 5, where the NBA says "there will be no limitations on a player's ability to receive 100 per cent guaranteed salary in all seasons of a contract."

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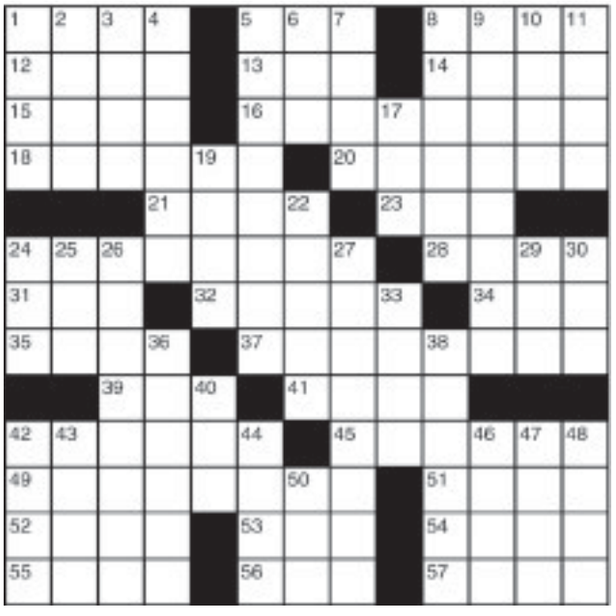
The NBA wants a 72-game season to begin Dec. 15. For that to happen, a handshake deal almost certainly would have to be in place this week.

Crossword



Across

1 Soft muddy stuff
5 Swabbie's tool
8 Cinderella's horses, really
12 Apiary structure
13 Anger
14 Out of control
15 Iowa city
16 Slapstick missile
18 Joan of Arc, for instance
20 Slanders in print
21 Cambodia neighbor
23 "Le Coq —"
24 "Old soldiers —"
28 Use a strainer
31 Opposite of 24-Down
32 "No man is an island" poet
34 Lincoln, to pals
35 Safecracker
37 Be dishonest
39 Historic time
41 Thin streak of smoke
42 Thespians
45 Concealed
49 Formal attire
51 Architect Saarinen
52 Tardy
53 Grecian vessel
54 Pet shop enclosure
55 Basin accessory
56 — -relief
57 Grandson of Eve

Down

1 Fraud
2 Peru's capital
3 Finished
4 Mortar's partner
5 Teeny-tiny photo reproduction
6 Bobby of hockey lore
7 Rind
8 Ballroom dances
9 Royal
10 Spring shape
11 — out (supplements)
17 Help
19 Three feet
22 Muscle connector
24 Opposite of 31-Across
25 Storm center
26 Produce plants
27 Peps up
29 Justice Dept. agcy.
30 Golf ball holder
33 Otherwise
36 Food merchant
38 Each
40 Noah's boat
42 Competent
43 Talon
44 Half a ticket
46 Slender
47 Therefore
48 Accomplishes
50 Playwright Levin

▶ Thursday's answer

Sudoku

4		7		9	3			5
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	3				4		8	
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9			3	8		1		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Thursday's answer ▶

5	4	9	3	7	8	2	1	6
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7	2	8	5	6	1	9	4	3
1	9	4	2	8	6	7	3	5
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8	3	2	7	4	5	1	6	9
2	5	7	6	9	4	3	8	1
4	1	3	8	5	7	6	9	2
9	8	6	1	3	2	4	5	7

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Mom
You are the greatest person I know! You have always been there for me, in every way, and I appreciate it so much. I try every day to be there for you because you deserve it! Love you **FROM E**

Whoever wrote L&L
Who are you??? What is this? Strange to me, but maybe it shouldn't be.
FROM CURIOUS

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Aim to be the very best at what you do this week, and before you know it your name will be up in lights.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If there is something (or someone) you truly desire it will be yours by the end of the day.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You'll achieve a lot with a minimum amount of effort.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be helped out by some people and let down by others today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you need to ask a favor of someone now is the time to speak up.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Everything should be going well for you now and if it isn't then it can only be a matter of time.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You are worrying about something that will most likely never happen, which is a complete waste of time.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will do as you please today and if certain people don't like it, well, that's just too bad.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to make a change to your careeryou cannot do.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You are in such a positive frame of mind at the moment that you honestly believe there is nothing you cannot do.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't act too quickly on what you think you see or hear today, because chances are your senses are deceiving you

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Mars in your opposite sign brings partnership issues to the fore and there may be one or two harsh words spoken. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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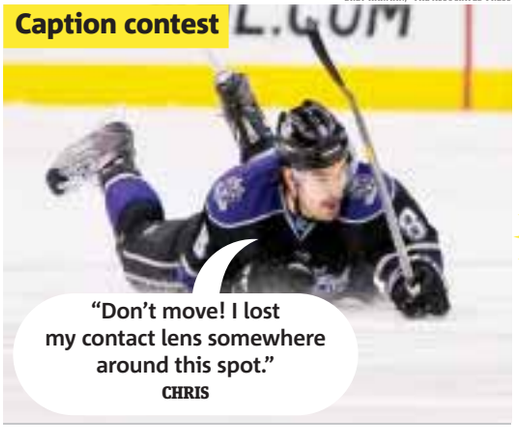

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